Liquidation of BCCI, Bombay

1241. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that by the liquidation of the Bombay branch of Bank of Credit and Commerce International, lakhs of investors lost their deposits in India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not properly monitoring the liquidity position of the bank;

(c) whether any action has been taken against the concerned officers; and

(d) whether Government have ordered enquiry into the liquidation of BCCI ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has ordered a special audit of the Bombay branch of Bank of Credit and Commerce International to be conducted by a firm of Chartered Accountants.

Misuse of gold import scheme

1242. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the gold import scheme has failed to meet the basic objective i.e. the prevention of smuggling;

(b) whether the Revenue Intelligence Directorate has reported that the scheme is being used for criminal by syndicates operating from Dubai and London; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to reveiew the scheme and take steps to make it foolproof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a), to (c) Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not possible to quantify the amount of gold ssmuggled into the country after the introduction of the gold import scheme. However, the quantity of gold seized during the period from 1-3-1992 to 31-10-1992 and 1-3-1991 to 31-10-1991, as given below, show a declining trend, which may be attributed to reduced smuggling of gold :

1-3-1991 to 31-10-1991	3604 kgs.
1-3-1992 to 31-10-1992	1868 kgs.

It is still too early to assess the impact of the gold import scheme in all its aspects. Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have, however, indicated the possibility of certain persons using passengers arriving in India, who satisfy the conditions stipulated for import of gold, for transporting gold through the legal channel and clearing it on payment of duty.

Monetary Programme for 1992-93

1243. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the monetary programme for 1992-93.

(b) what is the current ceiling on the net Reserve Bank of India credit to Central Government; and

(c) what proportion of this credit is dependent on the centre's budget deficit which it has to finance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) The monetary programme for 1992-93 includes (i) quarterly ceilings on the net domestic assets of the Reserve Bank of India and a sub-ceiling on the net Reserve Bank Credit to the Centre; (ii) quarterly indicative ceiling on total net bank credit to general Government (that is Central and State Governments); (iii) overall annual growth targets of about 10.4 per cent and 13.8 per cent for money supply (M3) and reserve money respectively.

(b) The current ceiling on net Reserve Bank credit to Central Government is set at Rs. 98400 crore at the end March 1993

(to be averaged over the last four Fridays of March plus March 31).

(c) Centre's budget deficit for 1992-93 programmed at Rs. 5389 crore (B.E.) will account for 88.3 per cent of the increase in NRCCG as per the ceiling indicated above at (b).

Average badla rates

1244. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR :
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the average badla rates month-wise, from January, 1992 to July, 1992;

(b) whether the badla rates indicate any identifiable trend considering the above data; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to direct the banks to liberally advance credit, if the badla rates are rising beyond reasonable limits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR : (a) A statement showing settlement-wise average badla rates on the Stock Exchange, Bombay, for the period January to July 1992 is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) The data do not indicate any specific trend.

(c) At present, there is no such proposal with the Government.

Statement

Settlement-wise average badla rates on the Stock Exchauge, Bombay from January 1992 to July 1992.

Settlement No.	Badla Date	Average Badla Rate % per annum
19/1991-92	03-01-92	18
20/1991-92	17-01-92	28
21/1991-92	01-02-93	54
22/1991-92	14-02-92	37
23/1991-92	28-02-92	45
24/1991-92	13-03-92	53
01/1992-93	28-03-92	58
02/1992-93	20-04-92	59
03/1992-93	02-05-92	53
04/1992-93	29-05-92	61
05/1992-93	13-06-92	29
06/1992-93	27-06-92	14
07/1992-93	13-07-92	22
08/1992-93	31-07-92	41

Exchange rates of Rupee with Dollar and Rouble

1245. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what were the official and market rates of exchange of Rupee with US Dollar and Russian Rouble before devaluation and what are the present rates; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to reduce the gap between official and market rates.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) The Reserve Bank of India effected exchange rate ad-